



### 6.2.3 SEM v TEM analysis of asbestos.

Both SEM and TEM have been used for fibre sizing. Both are able to size the larger fibres and measure mass equally well but they produce different results in terms of fibre number and size distributions due to the poorer visibility of thin fibres in the SEM, the difficulty of accurately defining the edges and the effect of conductive metal coatings. A comparison of the SEM v TEM visibility and sizing of asbestos fibres has previously been carried out by HSL at X2000 and X2800 respectively. The table below summarises the results for dispersions of bulk UICC asbestos collected on the same filter. UICC asbestos is a well ground form of asbestos and should be representative of what is produced by the EU sample preparation method. The instruments used were a Cambridge 250 SEM and a Philips EM400T TEM. Table 12 shows that the SEM is not particularly good for detecting asbestos fibres compared to the TEM, at magnifications of x2000 - x3000.

Table: 12 SEM v TEM visibility and sizing of asbestos fibres.

		Percentage of fibres with widths less than the stated dimension					
		UICC Chrysotile		UICC Amosite		UICC Crocidolite	
Fibre width (µm)		SEM	TEM	SEM	TEM	SEM	TEM
0.2	1	18	1	10	0	18	
0.4	2	75	6	60	12	90	
0.6	33	92	53	84	63	99	
0.8	74	98	81	95	88	100	
1	86	99	93	97	95		
1.2	99	99	98	98	100		
1.5	100	100	99	99			
2			99	99			
2.5			99	99			
3			100	99			
count		273	507	107	410	111	306

The same fibres were also analysed at higher magnifications and the fibre counts compared in table 13.

Table 13: Comparison of SEM v TEM fibre counts in the same area at two magnifications: expressed as a percentage of the TEM count at X17,000.

Instrument	Magnification	Chrysotile	Amosite	Crocidolite
SEM	2,000	30	17.4	too dense
TEM	2,800	84	76	too dense
SEM	20,000	36	35	38
TEM	17,000	100	100	100
TEM COUNT	17,000	143	144	815

The results show that we can expect fibre counts to be 3 to 5 times higher by TEM than for SEM. As the EU has yet to decide whether fibre mass or fibre number would be used to evaluate the carcinogen content, only TEM analysis has been used for this work, so that all fibres can be seen and accurately sized.

#### 6.2.4 **TEM analysis of asbestos**

Unlike the PCM/PLM data which assigned fibre to broad size bins (of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  width and 5  $\mu\text{m}$  length) the TEM was used to accurate size each fibre so a complete distribution of fibre size was obtained. As seen in figures 6-8 the fibres have size distributions which approximates to log normal and therefore geometric (log) statistics should be used to describe the distribution. The accuracy of the geometric statistics depends on whether the distribution is log-normal. Although it is possible to test for log-normality using the Chi squared test an easier assessment is to compare the median with the geometric mean. The median is a non-parametric statistic which does not assume any underlying distribution but the geometric mean assumes a log-normal distribution. If the distribution is log normal the median and geometric mean will be the same. Therefore the amount of divergence between these two statistics gives an assessment of the log normality of the distribution and the validity of the geometric statistics.

UICC asbestos samples were produced as standards for animal experiments and were subject to extensive grinding. These are thought to represent the size distributions to which asbestos will be reduced by the sample preparation method. The TEM  $>5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  long fibre size distributions for bulk samples of two commercial amphibole asbestos are given in table 14. It would be expected that asbestos contaminated samples will give median widths below about 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  and median aspect ratios of around 20:1. If non-asbestos particles present an increased median width and smaller median aspect ratio will be observed.

Material	Amosite (HSL/83034/96)			Crocidolite (HSL/84546/96)		
	Length (µm)	Width (µm)	Aspect Ratio	Length (µm)	Width (µm)	Aspect Ratio
Geometric Mean	9.98	0.41	24.09	8.17	0.33	24.95
Geometric SD	1.56	1.71	1.86	1.55	1.93	1.89
Mean	11.24	0.48	29.56	9.27	0.41	30.8
Standard Error	0.41	0.02	1.4	0.4	0.02	1.37
Median	9.18	0.42	24.61	7.17	0.32	24.95
Standard Deviation	6.91	0.33	23.47	6.97	0.38	23.75
Sample Variance	47.81	0.11	550.77	48.57	0.14	563.98
Minimum	5.4	0.14	5.23	5.01	0.07	5.23
Maximum	55.28	3.83	210.2	87.5	4.59	258.23
Sum	3,169.16	136.54	8,335.18	2,790.38	124.89	9,271.08
Count	282	282	282	301	301	301

## 7. DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS OF TEM SIZED SAMPLES.

TEM size distribution data and descriptive statistics were collected from a number of samples to determine whether they were asbestos or mineral fragment populations. The samples were ranked to see if the asbestos fibres could be discriminated from populations consisting mainly of amphibole mineral fragments. The Jamestown, Rajasthan and to a large extent the Death Valley tremolites were assumed to be asbestos. Some intermediate populations are also included. Both the TEM size data for all fibre sizes (> 0.5 µm long) and also for longer (> 5 µm long) fibres were compared separately. The median value has been chosen for the size characterisation and discrimination, as it is a non-parametric statistic which does not assume any underlying distribution, nor is it influenced disproportionately by a few very large or small values. The two methods of discriminant analysis previously described in section 4.2.3 were also applied, along with other potential discriminants.

## 7.1 Aspect ratio

The aspect ratio defines the shape of a fibre and appear to be the best parameter for distinguishing between asbestos and non-asbestos fibres. The median aspect ratio (table 15) for the  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  long fibres does appear to be a good discriminant by itself with values of  $>20:1$  being characteristic asbestos and  $<10:1$  characteristic of non-asbestos. There appears to be a discontinuity between 20:1 and 10:1 except for one sample, (tremolite DT) which was contaminated with a variety of asbestos and non-asbestos amphibole fibres so its midway position would be expected. The same analysis for fibres of all sizes did not lead to such a clear distinction with a continuous range of values being produced with a median aspect ratio of  $>8:1$  being indicative of an asbestos material.

## 7.2 Fibre width

As asbestos splits longitudinally into smaller fibrils, its fibre width will tend to reduce with increased grinding but this does not occur so easily for cleavage fragments and acicular crystals. Fibre width is potentially an equally important discriminant as the aspect ratio; particularly if a standard grinding challenge is introduced to separate and release fibres (without over grinding which can destroy fibres). The samples in table 16 have been ranked by median fibre width. Again the values for all fibre sizes do not give a clear separation between the asbestos and non-asbestos samples but for the  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  long fibres a clear ranking and discrimination is produced with values  $\leq 0.42 \mu\text{m}$  being asbestos with a considerable gap to  $0.89 \mu\text{m}$  before the intermediate samples are encountered with the non-asbestos medians being above  $1.0 \mu\text{m}$ .

## 7.3 Index of fibrosity for the aspect ratio

An aspect ratio discriminant based on the median and geometric standard deviation (Chatfield and Dillon, 1982) was applied to the data. The median is a non-parametric statistic so has an advantage in that it does not assume an underlying distribution, the geometric standard deviation gives a measure of the spread of the distribution. As can be seen in figures 11-14, the asbestos fibres have a much wider spread of aspect ratios (GSD = 1.9) and in tables 11 and 14 a median value of 20 or more is commonly found. The index of fibrosity ( $F_{AR}$ ) uses these characteristics to produce a single discriminant value by raising the median aspect ratio to the power of the geometric standard deviation. For the ground asbestos materials above a value of  $20^{1.8} = 220$  is produced. Chatfield and Dillon noted that values above 50 indicated an asbestos like material for fibres of all lengths from waterborne asbestos samples.

A range of asbestos materials and non-asbestos amphibole rocks have been investigated and their size distribution measured by TEM. The value of the index of

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fibrosity and relative ranking of these materials before Page 6 of 20  
indication of how successful this method for discriminant analysis will be. The results ranked by index of fibrosity ( $F_{AR}$ ) are given in table 17. It is important to note that not all the samples have been ground to the same degree and this may affect the values and ranking obtained. Two samples were also collected by air sampling close to the source in a quarry which may make the sample appear more fibrous due to the exclusion of larger fragments. The samples which were regarded as asbestos by SEM observation of the fibre ends (Jamestown tremolite, Death valley tremolite, Rajasthan white) and the identified asbestos  $F_{AR}$  around or well above 200. The value for the  $F_{AR}$  appears to be higher for the  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  fibres compared to fibres of all sizes by a factor of about 1.5. For a working purpose  $F_{AR} = 200$  does provide an initial discriminant for asbestos materials. For all fibre sizes, amosite, was an exception and consistently gave values below 200, the lowest being 33.9. Amosite (and anthophyllite even more so) tends to have the largest fibril widths of all the asbestos materials and mean widths are often twice as large (for all fibre sizes) as for chrysotile and crocidolite. This alters the aspect ratio distribution and accounts for the lower  $F_{AR}$  values. This tendency is much less pronounced for fibres  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  long and explains why the  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  fibres of amosite have a  $F_{AR} > 200$ . Therefore the  $F_{AR}$  seems a useful discriminant if applied to the  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  long fibres and a value of  $\geq 200$  being indicative of an asbestos fibre population. The same discriminant is less successful using all fibre sizes but a value  $> 50$  is still indicative of asbestos-like materials.

#### 7.4 Index of fibrosity for fibre width

Applying the same logic to fibre width as aspect ratio, the spread of the width distribution is an important function to measure, although it depends on the amount of grinding. It will also give a much more direct indication of whether there is a significant population of wider non-asbestos cleavage fragments which cannot split up easily. An index for fibre width can be calculated in much the same way as for the aspect ratio but unlike aspect ratio where a broad distribution is produced, a low value for median fibre width with a relatively narrow GSD is more likely for an asbestos fibre population. Also if we want asbestos to be denoted by a high index value both the reciprocal of the fibre width and the reciprocal of the GSD must be used. It can be seen from table 18 that the index for fibre width does not alter the situation very much from the mean width and again only the  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  fibres are well discriminated with a value of  $<1$  for the non-asbestos materials.

#### 7.5 Regression analysis of log width data

This analysis assumes that the underlying distributions are log-normal and fits a least squares regression line to the  $\log_{10}$  data of the width and lengths in the form :

Log width =  $F \log_{10}$  length -  $b$  where  $F$  = the slope or index of fibrosity and  $b$  is the intercept.

The regression coeff. ( $R^2$ ) the standard error (SE) and the lower and upper 95% confidence limits of the slope and intercept were also computed and fitted to the data.

The results are given in table 19 for all fibre sizes ( $>0.5 \mu\text{m}$  long) and table 20 for fibres  $>5 \mu\text{m}$  long. Both tables have been sorted in ascending order of slope with the more asbestosiform populations giving the flattest slope. The range of values obtained from the samples studied in tables 19 and 20 are fairly continuous across the whole range of values with asbestos giving slopes of up to 0.56 suggesting that this is not a particularly good discriminant or that the range of populations is continuous and an arbitrary point has to be selected (approximately 0.6) to decide whether it is asbestos or non-asbestos.

## 7.6 Regression analysis for Log aspect ratio data

The same regression analysis can be done for the aspect ratio. This produces a reverse order to width with the higher slopes for asbestos and has been sorted in descending order to place the more asbestosiform materials at the top of the tables 21 and 22 to make the more asbestos like materials appear at the top of the table. Alternatively the tables could have been recalculated by using (1-slope of the aspect ratio regression). The same continuous distribution of values was found for width with values for asbestos decreasing down to 0.44, suggesting a cut - off point of approximately 0.4 (or  $1-0.4 = 0.6$  the same as for the width)

## 7.7 Discriminant analysis

Discriminant analysis uses a mathematical function derived from a study of the size measurements of populations of asbestos fibres and applies this to an individual fibre to decide if it is classed as part of a population of asbestos fibres or mineral fragments. Wylie et al. (1985) who measured the length and width of particles on two groups of workplace air-monitoring filters; one from industrial sites where amosite asbestos alone was in use and one from mines where non-asbestosiform amphiboles are the major constituents of the country rock. SEM measurements were made on all particles with an aspect ratio  $> 3:1$ . Discriminant function analysis was used to arrive at the function:

$$Y = 5.9 \log \text{length} - 9.2 \log \text{width} - 6.63$$

which most efficiently discriminates between two previously defined groups according to whether  $Y > 0$  or  $Y < 0$ . The coefficients are those for which the variance of  $Y$  between the defined groups is maximised relative to the variances within the groups. 81% of the asbestos fibres had  $Y > 0$  (described as Group A "fibre-like") and 91% of the cleavage fragments had  $Y < 0$  (described as Group B "cleavage-like"),

TABLE: 15 Size data ranked by median aspect ratio.

Sample Number	Type	Count	Median AR	GSD AR index	Median Width	GSD	1/Width Fibrosity	Case
HSL/82077/95	Jamestown tremolite	304	24.25	2.42	2,243.89	0.23	1.9	16.32
HSL/82073/95	Death Valley tremolite 'hard'	336	17.55	1.91	238	0.22	1.72	13.96
HSL/82403/95	Tremolite asbestos	304	15.92	1.92	203.11	0.22	1.73	13.73
HSL/83159/95	Rajasthan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	279	15.07	2.26	459.77	0.35	1.82	6.75
HSL/82074/95	Tremolite DT	153	13.94	2.51	744.9	0.52	2.28	4.44
HSL/82309/95G1	Amosite	301	10.59	2.05	126.19	0.31	1.97	10.37
HSL/84544/96	Gabbro Germany	167	10.41	1.82	71.08	0.21	2.15	28.66
AMOS1	Amosite from site	201	10.23	1.87	77.35	0.29	1.67	8.06
HSL/82197/95	Chrysotile	316	10.15	2.74	572.42	0.08	1.8	94.28
HSL/82539/96	Amosite (bulk 7)	289	10.1	1.96	93	0.27	1.82	10.84
HSL/82309/95G2	Amosite	84	9.36	1.67	41.88	0.35	1.56	5.12
HSL/82720/95	Tremolite in dolomite	154	8.2	2.54	209.45	0.22	2.89	79.51
HSL/82323/95G	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	300	7.94	1.79	41.14	0.66	1.94	2.24
HSL/82323/95	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	342	7.26	1.74	31.36	0.3	2.17	13.83
HSL/82191/95	Amosite (bulk 8)	310	7.24	1.78	33.91	0.26	1.8	11.46
HSL/82761/95	Tremolite in dolomite	298	6.89	2.11	58.7	0.18	2.92	149.49
HSL/83059/96	Tremolite (Edenitic) Drummondrochit	321	6.87	1.61	22.35	0.22	1.79	15.13
HSL/84545/96	Diabase Germany	102	6.4	1.51	16.34	0.33	1.99	9.29

HSL/82077/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Jamestown tremolite	313	44.15	2.12	3,070.81	0.26	1.94	13.64	
HSL/82073/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Death Valley tremolite 'hard'	308	31.29	1.9	693.86	0.29	1.73	8.77	
HSL/82072/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Rajastan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	186	27.74	2.28	1,951.11	0.37	1.7	5.42	
HSL/84546/96 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	UICC Crocidolite bulk	301	24.95	1.89	436.98	0.33	1.93	8.5	
HSL/83034/96 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	UICC Amosite	282	24.61	1.86	386.78	0.42	1.71	4.41	
HSL/82191/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Amosite (bulk 8)	101	20.04	1.94	335.49	0.41	1.96	5.74	
HSL/82074/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite DT	107	15.9	2.18	415.95	0.99	2.23	1.02	
HSL/82323/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	NY Talc (Bulk 12,3)	61	8.61	2.02	77.39	0.89	2.05	1.27	
HSL/82761/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	100	8.52	2.74	354.33	1.01	2.81	0.97	
HSL/81001/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	103	7.29	2.11	66.12	1.15	2.29	0.73	
HSL/82720/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	206	7.19	2.8	250.52	1.02	3.02	0.94	
HSL/83093/96 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Carr Brae tremolite	311	6.6	1.83	31.31	1.18	2	0.72	
HSL/81068/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	302	6.5	1.95	38.48	1.31	2.22	0.55	
HSL/83092/96 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Auchtertyre Actinolite	309	6.28	1.77	25.85	1.28	2	0.62	
HSL/81068/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	98	6.28	1.92	34.05	1.37	2.16	0.51	
HSL/81001/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Non-asbestos dolomite	77	5.5	1.99	29.64	1.2	2.18	0.67	
HSL/83094/96 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Glenelg grunerite	302	5.46	1.77	20.07	1.32	1.8	0.61	
HSL/82761/95 (> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Dolomite particles only	48	4.26	1.42	7.83	1.5	1.6	0.52	

TABLE 16: Size data ranked by median width.

Sample Number	Type	Count	Median AR	GSD AR	Fibrosity index	Median Width	GSD	1/Width
HSL/82197/95	Chrysotile	316	10.15	2.74	572.42	0.08	1.8	94.28
HSL/82761/95	Tremolite in dolomite	298	6.89	2.11	58.7	0.18	2.92	149.49
HSL/84544/96	Gabbro Germany	167	10.41	1.82	71.08	0.21	2.15	28.66
HSL/82073/95	Death Valley tremolite 'hard'	336	17.55	1.91	238	0.22	1.72	13.96
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HSL/83059/96	Tremolite (Edenitic) Drummondrochit	321	6.87	1.61	22.35	0.22	1.79	15.13
HSL/82077/95	Jamestown tremolite	304	24.25	2.42	2,243.89	0.23	1.9	16.32
HSL/82191/95	Amosite (bulk 8)	310	7.24	1.78	33.91	0.26	1.8	11.46
HSL/82539/96	Amosite (bulk 7)	289	10.1	1.96	93	0.27	1.82	10.84
AMOS1	Amosite from site	201	10.23	1.87	77.35	0.29	1.67	8.06
HSL/82323/95	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	342	7.26	1.74	31.36	0.3	2.17	13.83
HSL/82309/95G1	Amosite	301	10.59	2.05	126.19	0.31	1.97	10.37
HSL/84545/96	Diabase Germany	102	6.4	1.51	16.34	0.33	1.99	9.29
HSL/82309/95G2	Amosite	84	9.36	1.67	41.88	0.35	1.56	5.12
HSL/83159/95	Rajasthan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	279	15.07	2.26	459.77	0.35	1.82	6.75
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HSL/82323/95G	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	300	7.94	1.79	41.14	0.66	1.94	2.24

HSL/82077/95 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Jamestown tremolite	313	44.15	2.12	3,070.81	0.26	1.94
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HSL/83034/96 (>5 $\mu$ m long)	UICC Amosite	282	24.61	1.86	386.78	0.42	1.71
HSL/82323/95 (>5 um long)	NY Talc (Bulk)	61	8.61	2.02	77.39	0.89	2.05
HSL/82074/95 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Tremolite PT	107	15.9	2.18	415.95	0.99	2.23
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HSL/83094/96 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Glenelg grunerite	302	5.46	1.77	20.07	1.32	1.8
HSL/81068/95 (>5 um long)	Tremolite in dolomite	98	16.28	1.92	34.05	1.37	2.16
HSL/82761/95 (>5 $\mu$ m long)	Dolomite particles only	48	4.26	1.42	7.83	1.5	1.6

TABLE 17: Size data ordered by the index of fibrosity ( $F_{AR}$ ) for aspect ratio.

Sample Number	Type	Count	Median AR	GSD AR	Fibrosity index	Median Width	GSD	1/Width Fibrosity
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HSL/82539/96	Amosite (bulk 7)	289	10.1	1.96	93	0.27	1.82	10.84
AMOS1	Amosite from site	201	10.23	1.87	77.35	0.29	1.67	8.06
HSL/84544/96	Gabbro Germany	167	10.41	1.82	71.08	0.21	2.15	28.66
HSL/82761/95	Tremolite in dolomite	298	6.89	2.11	58.7	0.18	2.92	149.49
HSL/82309/95G2	Amosite	84	9.36	1.67	41.88	0.35	1.56	5.12
HSL/82323/95G	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	300	7.94	1.79	41.14	0.66	1.94	2.24
HSL/82191/95	Amosite (bulk 8)	310	7.24	1.78	33.91	0.26	1.8	11.46
HSL/82323/95	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	342	7.26	1.74	31.36	0.3	2.17	13.83
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HSL/84545/96	Diabase Germany	102	6.4	1.51	16.34	0.33	1.99	9.29

HSL/82077/95	(> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Jamestown tremolite	313	44.15	2.12	3,070.81	0.26	1.94
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HSL/82073/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Death Valley tremolite "hard"	308	31.29	1.9	693.86	0.29	1.73
HSL/84546/96	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	UICC Crocidolite bulk	301	24.95	1.89	436.98	0.33	1.93
HSL/82074/95	(> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite DT	107	15.9	2.18	415.95	0.99	2.23
HSL/83034/96	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	UICC Amosite	282	24.61	1.86	386.78	0.42	1.71
HSL/82761/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	100	8.52	2.74	354.33	1.01	2.81
HSL/82191/95	(> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Amosite (bulk 8)	101	20.04	1.94	335.49	0.41	1.96
HSL/82720/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	206	7.19	2.8	250.52	1.02	3.02
HSL/82323/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	NY Tac (Bulk 1,2,3)	61	8.61	2.02	77.39	0.89	2.05
HSL/81001/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	103	7.29	2.11	66.12	1.15	2.29
HSL/81068/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	302	6.5	1.95	38.48	1.31	2.22
HSL/81068/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Tremolite in dolomite	98	6.28	1.92	34.05	1.37	2.16
HSL/83093/96	(> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Carr Brae tremolite	311	6.6	1.83	31.31	1.18	2
HSL/81001/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Non-asbestos dolomite	77	5.5	1.99	29.64	1.2	2.18
HSL/83092/96	(> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Auchtertyre Actinolite	309	6.28	1.77	25.85	1.28	2
HSL/83094/96	(> 5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Glenelg grunerite	302	5.46	1.77	20.07	1.32	1.8
HSL/82761/95	(>5 $\mu\text{m}$ long)	Dolomite particles only	48	4.26	1.42	7.83	1.5	1.6

TABLE 18: Size data ordered by the 1/width fibrosity

Sample Number	Type	Count	Median AR	GSD AR	Fibrosity index	Median Width	GSD	1/Width Fibrosity
HSL/82761/95	Tremolite in dolomite	298	6.89	2.11	58.7	0.18	2.92	149.49
HSL/82197/95	Chrysotile	316	10.15	2.74	572.42	0.08	1.8	94.28
HSL/82720/95	Tremolite in dolomite	154	8.2	2.54	209.45	0.22	2.89	79.51
HSL/84544/96	Gabbro Germany	167	10.41	1.82	71.08	0.21	2.15	28.66
HSL/82077/95	Jamestown tremolite	304	24.25	2.42	2,243.89	0.23	1.9	16.32
HSL/83059/96	Tremolite (Edenitic) Drummondochit	321	6.87	1.61	22.35	0.22	1.79	15.13
HSL/82073/95	Death Valley tremolite 'hard'	336	17.55	1.91	238	0.22	1.72	13.96
HSL/82323/95	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	342	7.26	1.74	31.36	0.3	2.17	13.83
HSL/82403/95	Tremolite asbestos	304	15.92	1.92	203.11	0.22	1.73	13.73
HSL/82191/95	Amosite (bulk 8)	310	7.24	1.78	33.91	0.26	1.8	11.46
HSL/82539/96	Amosite (bulk 7)	289	10.1	1.96	93	0.27	1.82	10.84
HSL/82309/95G1	Amosite	301	10.59	2.05	126.19	0.31	1.97	10.37
HSL/84545/96	Diabase Germany	102	6.4	1.51	16.34	0.33	1.99	9.29
AMOS1	Amosite from site	201	10.23	1.87	77.35	0.29	1.67	8.06
HSL/83159/95	Rajasthan White (Anthophyllite + Talc)	279	15.07	2.26	459.77	0.35	1.82	6.75
HSL/82309/95G2	Amosite	84	9.36	1.67	41.88	0.35	1.56	5.12
HSL/82074/95	Tremolite DT	153	13.94	2.51	744.9	0.52	2.28	4.44
HSL/82323/95G	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	300	7.94	1.79	41.14	0.66	1.94	2.24

HSL/82077/95 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Jamestown tremolite	313	44.15	2.12	3,070.81	0.26	1.94	13.64	
HSL/82073/95 (> 5 um long)	Death Valley tremolite "hard"	308	31.29	1.9	693.86	0.29	1.73	8.77	
HSL/84546/96 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	UICC Crocidolite bulk	301	24.95	1.89	436.98	0.33	1.93	8.5	
HSL/82191/95 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Amosite (bulk 8)	101	20.04	1.94	335.49	0.41	1.96	5.74	
HSL/82072/95 (>5 um long)	Rajasthan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	186	27.74	2.28	1,951.11	0.37	1.7	5.42	
HSL/83034/96 (>5 $\mu$ m long)	UICC Amosite	282	24.61	1.86	386.78	0.42	1.71	4.41	
HSL/82323/95 (>5 um long)	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	61	8.61	2.02	77.39	0.89	2.05	1.27	
HSL/82074/95 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Tremolite DT	107	15.9	2.18	415.95	0.99	2.23	1.02	
HSL/82761/95 (>5 $\mu$ m long)	Tremolite in dolomite	100	8.52	2.74	354.33	1.01	2.81	0.97	
HSL/82720/95 (>5 um long)	Tremolite in dolomite	206	7.19	2.8	250.52	1.02	3.02	0.94	
HSL/83093/96 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Tremolite in dolomite	103	7.29	2.11	66.12	1.15	2.29	0.73	
HSL/81001/95 (> 5 um long)	Carr Brae tremolite	311	6.6	1.83	31.31	1.18	2	0.72	
HSL/81001/95 (> 5 um long)	Non-asbestos dolomite	77	5.5	1.99	29.64	1.2	2.18	0.67	
HSL/83092/96 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Auchtertyre Actinolite	309	6.28	1.77	25.85	1.28	2	0.62	
HSI/83094/96 (> 5 $\mu$ m long)	Glenelg grunerite	302	5.46	1.77	20.07	1.32	1.8	0.61	
HSL/81068/95 (> 5 um long)	Tremolite in dolomite	302	6.5	1.95	38.48	1.31	2.22	0.55	
HSL/82761/95 (>5 $\mu$ m long)	Dolomite particles only	48	4.26	1.42	7.83	1.5	1.6	0.52	
HSL/81068/95 (>5 um long)	Tremolite in dolomite	98	6.28	1.92	34.05	1.37	2.16	0.51	

Table 19: Regression analysis of the slope of log length v log width sorted ascending (All fibres >0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  long)

Sample Number	Type	Count	Slope	Intercept	R2	95% conf. interval for slope & intercept			
						SE	Lower	Upper	Lower
AMOS 1	Amosite site sample	201	-0.22	0.89	0.03	0.27	-0.39	-0.05	0.79
HSL/82539/95	Chrysotile	316	0.07	-1.08	0.01	0.25	0	0.15	-1.12
HSL/82077/95	Jamestown tremolite	304	0.26	-0.84	0.13	0.26	0.19	0.34	-0.9
HSL/83159/95	Rajasthan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	279	0.29	-0.7	0.17	0.24	0.22	0.37	-0.76
HSL/82073/95	Death Valley tremolite	279	0.29	-0.7	0.17	0.24	0.22	0.37	-0.76
HSL/82403/95	Tremolite asbestos	304	0.36	-0.86	0.18	0.22	0.27	0.44	-0.91
HSL/82309/95TG	Amosite	85	0.4	-0.67	0.3	0.16	0.27	0.53	-0.75
HSL/82309/95G1	Amosite	303	0.41	-0.77	0.11	0.28	0.28	0.55	-0.85
HSL/82539/96	Amosite (bulk 7)	289	0.43	-0.76	0.33	0.21	0.36	0.5	-0.81
HSL/82074/95	Tremolite DT	153	0.49	-0.74	0.32	0.3	0.38	0.6	-0.86
HSL/82191/95	Amosite	310	0.55	-0.76	0.38	0.21	0.47	0.63	-0.8
HSL/82323/95G	NY Talc	301	0.64	-0.62	0.33	0.24	0.54	0.75	-0.69
HSL/83059/96	Tremolite (Edenitic) Drumnaadörfchen	321	0.66	-0.79	0.44	0.19	0.58	0.74	-0.82
HSL/84544/96	Gabbro Germany (air)	167	0.74	-0.93	0.44	0.25	0.61	0.88	-1
HSL/82720/95	Tremolite in dolomite	154	0.77	-0.92	0.25	0.4	0.54	0.93	-1.03
HSL/82323/95	NY Talc	342	0.78	-0.81	0.54	0.23	0.7	0.86	-0.85
HSL/82761/95*	Tremolite in dolomite	298	0.89	-0.9	0.55	0.32	0.79	0.98	-0.94
HSL/84545/96	Diabase Germany (air)	102	0.9	-0.81	0.66	0.18	0.77	1.02	-0.87

Table 20: Regression analysis of log length v log width sorted descending (>5  $\mu\text{m}$  long fibres)

Sample Number	Type	Count	Slope	Intercept	R2	SE	95% conf. interval for slope & intercepts			
							Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
HSL/83034/96 (>5)	UICC Amosite	282	0.25	-0.63	0.04	0.23	0.11	0.39	-0.78	-0.49
HSL/82072/95 (>5)	Rajastan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	186	0.29	-0.74	0.07	0.3	0.13	0.45	-0.91	-0.56
HSL/82073/95 (>5)	Death Valley tremolite	308	0.32	-0.86	0.06	0.23	0.17	0.47	-1	-0.72
HSL/82077/95 (>5)	Jamestown tremolite	313	0.33	-0.93	0.09	0.28	0.22	0.45	-1.06	-0.81
HSL/82323/95 (>5)	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	61	0.55	-0.61	0.08	0.3	0.08	1.03	-1.04	-0.18
HSL/82074/95 (>5)	Tremolite DT	107	0.56	-0.65	0.14	0.33	0.29	0.83	-0.96	-0.33
HSL/84546/96 (> 5)	UICC Crociolite	301	0.56	-0.99	0.14	0.27	0.4	0.72	-1.14	-0.85
HSL/83094/96 (>5)	Glenelg grunerite	302	0.6	-0.44	0.1	0.24	0.4	0.81	-0.62	-0.26
HSL/81001/95 (>5)	Tremolite in dolomite	103	0.92	-0.84	0.19	0.32	0.55	1.3	-1.2	-0.48
HSL/83093/96 (>5)	Carr Brae tremolite	311	0.94	-0.81	0.25	0.26	0.76	1.12	-0.98	-0.65
HSL/83092/96 (>5)	Auchtertyre Actinolite	309	0.95	-0.79	0.31	0.25	0.79	1.11	-0.94	-0.64
HSL/82720/95 (>5)	Tremolite in dolomite	206	1.36	-1.34	0.25	0.44	1.03	1.69	-1.66	-1.03

Table 21: Regression analysis of log length v log aspect ratio sorted descending : All fibres (>0.5  $\mu\text{m}$  long fibres)

Sample Number	Type	Count	Slope	Intercept	R2	SE	95% conf. interval for slope & intercepts			
							Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper
HSL/82197(539)/95	Chrysotile	316	0.93	1.08	0.66	0.25	0.85	1	1.04	1.12
AMOS1	Amosite site sample	201	0.78	0.89	0.29	0.27	0.61	0.95	0.79	0.99
HSL/82077/95	Jamestown tremolite	304	0.74	0.84	0.54	0.26	0.66	0.81	0.77	0.9
HSL/83159/95	Rajasthan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	279	0.71	0.7	0.55	0.24	0.63	0.79	0.63	0.76
HSL/82073/95	Death Valley Tremolite	279	0.71	0.7	0.55	0.24	0.63	0.79	0.63	0.76
HSL/82403/95	Tremolite asbestos	304	0.64	0.86	0.42	0.21	0.56	0.73	0.8	0.91
HSL/82309/95TG	Amosite	85	0.6	0.67	0.49	0.16	0.47	0.74	0.59	0.75
HSL/82309/95G1	Amosite	303	0.59	0.77	0.2	0.28	0.46	0.72	0.7	0.85
HSL/82539/96	Amosite (bulk 7)	289	0.57	0.76	0.47	0.21	0.5	0.64	0.72	0.81
HSL/82074/95	Tremolite DT	153	0.51	0.74	0.34	0.3	0.4	0.63	0.62	0.86
HSL/82191/95	Amosite	310	0.45	0.76	0.29	0.21	0.37	0.53	0.73	0.8
HSL/82323/95G1	NY Talc	301	0.36	0.62	0.13	0.24	0.25	0.46	0.55	0.69
HSL/83059/96	Tremolite (Edenitic) Drummondrochit	321	0.34	0.79	0.17	0.19	0.26	0.42	0.76	0.82
HSL/82720/95	Tremolite in dolomite	154	0.27	0.92	0.05	0.4	0.07	0.46	0.82	1.03
HSL/84544/96	Gabbro Germany (air)	167	0.26	0.93	0.08	0.25	0.13	0.39	0.87	1
HSL/82323/95	NY Talc	342	0.22	0.81	0.09	0.23	0.14	0.3	0.77	0.85
HSL/82761	Tremolite in dolomite	298	0.11	0.9	0.02	0.32	0.02	0.21	0.86	0.94
HSL/84545/96	Diabase Germany (air)	102	0.11	0.81	0.03	0.18	-0.02	0.24	0.75	0.87

Table 22: Regression analysis of log length v log aspect ratio (sorted descending (>5  $\mu\text{m}$  long fibres))

Sample Number	Type	Count	Slope	Intercept	R2	SE	L95%	U95%	L95%	U95%
HSL/83034/96 (> 5)	UICC amosite	282	0.75	0.63	0.29	0.23	0.61	0.89	0.49	0.78
HSL/82072/95 (>5)	Rajastan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	185	0.71	0.74	0.29	0.3	0.55	0.87	0.56	0.91
HSL/82073/95 (>5)	Death Valley Tremolite	308	0.68	0.86	0.22	0.23	0.54	0.83	0.72	1
HSL/82077/95 (>5)	Jamestown tremolite	313	0.67	0.93	0.29	0.28	0.55	0.79	0.81	1.06
HSL/82323/95 (>5)	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	61	0.45	0.61	0.06	0.3	-0.03	0.92	0.18	1.04
HSL/82074/95 (>5)	Tremolite DT	107	0.44	0.65	0.09	0.32	0.17	0.71	0.33	0.96
HSL/84546/96 (>5)	UICC Crocidolite	301	0.44	0.99	0.09	0.27	0.28	0.6	0.85	1.14
HSL/83094/96 (>5)	Glenelg grunerite	302	0.4	0.44	0.05	0.24	0.19	0.6	0.26	0.62
HSL/81001/95 (>5)	Tremolite in dolomite	103	0.08	0.84	0	0.32	0.48	1.2	-0.3	0.45
HSL/83093/96 (>5)	Carr Brae tremolite	131	0.06	0.81	0	0.26	-0.12	0.24	0.65	0.98
HSL/83092/96 (>5)	Auchtertyre Actinolite	309	0.05	0.79	0	0.25	-0.11	0.21	0.64	0.94
HSL/82720/95 (>5)	Tremolite in dolomite	206	-0.35	1.34	0.02	0.44	-0.7	-0.04	1.04	1.67

Table 23 Discriminant analysis using ( $Y = 5.9 \log \text{length} - 9.2 \log \text{width} - 6.63$ ) for  $> 5 \mu\text{m}$  long fibres.

Sample Number	Type	Count	Discriminant >0	Discriminant <0	% asbestos	% non-asbestos
HSL/82073/95 (>5)	Death Valley tremolite	308	301	7	97.73	2.27
HSL/82077/95 (>5)	Jamestown tremolite	313	305	8	97.44	2.56
HSL/84546/96 (> 5)	UICC Crociolite	301	276	25	91.69	8.31
HSL/82072/95 (>5)	Rajasthan white (Anthophyllite + Talc)	186	166	20	89.25	10.75
HSL/83034/96 (>5)	UICC Antosite	282	251	31	89.01	10.99
HSL/82074/95 (>5)	Tremolite DT	107	69	38	64.49	35.51
HSL/82323/95 (>5)	NY Talc (Bulk 1,2,3)	61	24	37	39.34	60.66
HSL/82720/95 (>5)	Tremolite in dolomite	206	66	140	32.04	67.96
HSL/81001/95 (>5)	Tremolite in dolomite	103	27	76	26.21	73.79
HSL/83093/96 (>5)	Carr Brae tremolite	311	67	244	21.54	78.46
HSL/83092/96 (>5)	Auchtertyre Actinolite	309	49	260	15.86	84.14
HSL/83094/96 (>5)	Glenelg grunerite	302	38	264	12.58	87.42